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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the telephonic interview held on June 2, 2006 between Examiner Peter J. Vrettakos; and Donald O. Nickey and Michael J. Gallagher, attorneys for Applicant.

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